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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Collection Staff, OSI

SUBJECT: Public Statement Concerning Scientific Information Report

REFERENCE: Your memorandum, dated 8 April 1960, same subject

1. We have reviewed the Scientific Information Report caveat and feel that it provides an adequate description of the nature of the report in defining its content as unevaluated information extracted from Soviet Orbit publications.

2. We have not discussed the reference remarks with  for several reasons:

a. We feel that he is well acquainted with the nature and contents of the SIR.

b. That in speaking in such terms about this report he perhaps did so with the excusable enthusiasm of a salesman drumming up additional subscriptions.

3. It is worthy of note that of the many comments and evaluations we have had on the SIR, none have misconstrued it as a finished intelligence report. It may be best for us not to enlarge upon this perhaps ambiguous remark made by a non-CIA official.

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